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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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8 EUGENE COINS, JR.,

9 Plaintiff,

Case No. 3:16-cv-00289-MMD-VPC

ORDER

10 v.

11 ISIDRO BACA et al.,

12 Defendants.

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14 This action is a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by
15 a former state prisoner. On January 17, 2017, this Court issued an order denying the
16 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for prisoners as moot and directed Plaintiff to file
17 a non-prisoner application to proceed *in forma pauperis* within thirty (30) days from the
18 date of that order. (ECF No. 5 at 1, 8.) The Court ordered Plaintiff to file a fully complete
19 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for non-prisoners or pay the full filing fee of
20 \$400.00 within thirty (30) days from the date of that order. (*Id.* at 8.) The thirty-day period
21 has now expired, and Plaintiff has not filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
22 for non-prisoners, paid the full filing fee, or otherwise responded to the Court's order.

23 District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and “[i]n the
24 exercise of that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . .
25 dismissal” of a case. *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831
26 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party’s failure
27 to prosecute an action, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules.
28 See *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance

1 with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for
2 failure to comply with an order requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856
3 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring
4 *pro se* plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833
5 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987) (dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson*
6 *v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and
7 failure to comply with local rules).

8 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey
9 a court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors:
10 (1) the public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to
11 manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring
12 disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives.
13 *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130;
14 *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

15 In the instant case, the Court finds that the first two factors, the public's interest in
16 expeditiously resolving this litigation and the Court's interest in managing the docket,
17 weigh in favor of dismissal. The third factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs
18 in favor of dismissal, since a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of
19 unreasonable delay in filing a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action. See
20 *Anderson v. Air West*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor — public policy
21 favoring disposition of cases on their merits — is greatly outweighed by the factors in
22 favor of dismissal discussed herein. Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to
23 obey the court's order will result in dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives"
24 requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d
25 at 1424. The Court's order requiring Plaintiff to file an application to proceed *in forma*
26 *pauperis* for non-prisoners or pay the full filing fee within thirty (30) days expressly stated:
27 "It is further ordered that, if Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order, the Court will
28 dismiss this case without prejudice." (ECF No. 5 at 8.) Thus, Plaintiff had adequate

1 warning that dismissal would result from his noncompliance with the Court's order to file
2 an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for non-prisoners or pay the full filing fee
3 within thirty (30) days.

4 It is therefore ordered that this action is dismissed without prejudice based on
5 Plaintiff's failure to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for non-prisoners or
6 pay the full filing fee in compliance with this Court's January 17, 2017, order.

7 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court shall enter judgment accordingly.

8 DATED THIS 2nd day of March 2017.



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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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